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5. SEXUAL PLAY AND AGGRESSION

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10.11.24. Harold and George " undressed " Paul in the sand-pit, and were " looking at his tummy " (they said), i.e., they had undone the front of his knickers and pulled down his vest. Later, they were running after Benjie to " undress him.

25.11.24. Harold had made a plasticine aeroplane. Frank shouted when Harold was running round with it, " Shall we shoot it at Mrs. I.'s bee-wee thing ? "

28.11.24. When Mrs. I. was kneeling on the floor for some purpose, Harold suddenly put his hand down her back to " tickle " it.

16.1.25. While modelling, Frank said, apropos of a long piece of plasticine, " Somebody's climbing up the lady's ah-ah house."

19.1.25. Dan asked Mrs. I. to lie down so that he could " sit on her ". When she refused, he said, " Then I'll push you down."

26.1.25. Mrs. I. was in the lavatory with Dan, helping to fasten his braces and trousers. Frank came in. She was bent low, and he tried to put his hand down and to see down the front of her dress. Dan then did the same, with much laughter and excitement. " We shall see your comb's " they said.

9.2.25. Dan and Frank made a " house " on the top of the steps with the wire gate as a roof, taking out chairs and the rug, telling Mrs. I. " We can see you through the roof ". She was standing near and Frank squeezed her ankles hard with both hands ; Tommy did the same imitatively.

6.3.25. Christopher and Dan, standing near Mrs. I., became affectionate and embraced her. Christopher then put his head underneath the border of her jumper, with much laughter and amusement, saying " how nice and dark " it was inside.

Harold and Tommy were hitting each other. Harold said he would " tease Tommy, and cut him open, and pull his

inside out ", and would do this to " all the boys
except Frank
and Paul".

20.3.25. Harold, running round as an engine,
bumped into
Mrs. I. heavily at the piano and then began to
hug her, and
ended up by kissing her hand.

23.3.25. Dan's mother came to lunch, and
the children
were all very affectionate ; they hugged her and
romped with
her. After lunch, they ran round as " engines ".
They asked
Mrs. X. to be the buffers, kneeling on the floor ;
but when she